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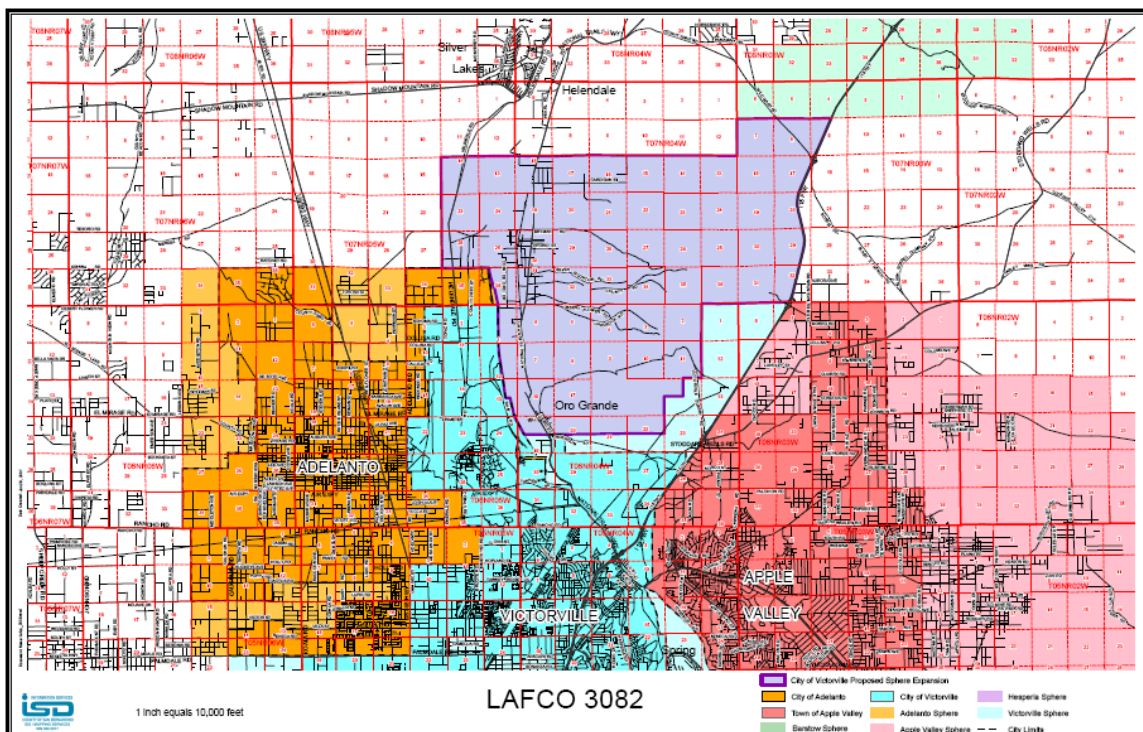
FROM: KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #7 -- STATUS REPORT FOR LAFCO 3082 – SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT (EXPANSION) FOR THE CITY OF VICTORVILLE AND VICTORVILLE WATER DISTRICT

BACKGROUND:

On March 21, 2007 the Commission took the action to separate consideration of the City of Victorville's request for sphere of influence expansion from its municipal service review/sphere update, to defer consideration of the 37,000 acre sphere expansion until the City General Plan Update was completed, and expanded the consideration to include the Victorville Water District (the consolidated successor agency to the Victor Valley and Baldy Mesa Water Districts). A map of the area of consideration is shown below and included as Attachment #1.



Copies of the minutes from the March 2007 hearing and the excerpt from the staff report related to the sphere of influence discussion are included as Attachment #2 to this report.

Prior to and since that determination, the City of Victorville Planning Staff has been conducting meetings, working with consultants, and preparing the documents necessary for its General Plan Update. Attachment #3 provides the Notice of Preparation received by LAFCO staff related to the City's General Plan Update. Staff participated in the March 5th Scoping Meeting and is currently preparing our response to this Notice as a responsible agency. Staff concern was conveyed at the meeting regarding the need to include a discussion of the Victorville Water District sphere expansion. Staff will work with the City to include a discussion of the expansion of the Victorville Water District sphere of influence in its final document. No concrete timeline for completion of this process was provided at the Scoping Meeting but staff anticipates that it will be completed this summer. However, the staff report excerpt included as Attachment #3 identified the following direction from the Commission,

"...defer further consideration of the sphere expansion until the City's General Plan Update is completed. At that time, the City of Victorville's sphere of influence will be given priority by LAFCO staff."

Upon completion of the General Plan Update staff will work to move this item forward as quickly as possible.

Staff will be glad to address any questions on the information provided in this report prior to or at the hearing. No action is required of the Commission other than to note and file this report.

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Attachments:

- #1 -- Vicinity and Proposal Maps
- #2 -- Minutes from March 21, 2007 Related to Victorville Municipal Service Review and Excerpt from Staff Report Dated February 9, 2007 Related to Sphere of Influence Update
- #3 -- Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting for City of Victorville General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report